

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Mailed: August 21, 2003 ) Application No. 09/923,763  
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**DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application of pending prior Application Serial No. 09/923,763, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). The parent application was filed on August 6, 2001, by Applicants Stephen Alan Smith et al., and is similarly entitled "RECLOSEABLE CONTAINER LID."

**Benefit of Prior U.S. Application**

The attached divisional application being transmitted claims the benefit of a prior U.S. application, as indicated below.

**Papers Enclosed**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d), the specification filed herewith contains no new matter. Accordingly, a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application (U.S. Application No. 09/923,763) is submitted herewith.

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The papers attached are as follows:

23 pages of Specification.  
3 pages of Claims.  
1 page of Abstract.  
4 sheets of Formal Drawings containing Figures 1-8.

#### **Additional Papers Enclosed**

A copy of the original Assignment filed in the prior U.S. Application (Application No. 09/923,763) is also submitted herewith.

#### **Declaration or oath (including power of attorney)**

As previously stated, a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior U.S. application (Application No. 09/923,763) is submitted herewith, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d).

#### **Inventorship Statement**

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same as that for the parent application.

#### **Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)**

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280 for the following fees associated with this communication and during the entire pendency of the Application (a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached).

- Any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) and (g).  
 Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) and (d) for presentation of extra claims.  
 Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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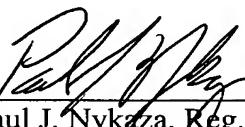
As required under 35 U.S.C. 120, the Specification of the attached application includes the following specific reference to the earlier filed parent application:

"This is a divisional application of co-pending Application Serial No. 09/923,763 filed August 6, 2001."

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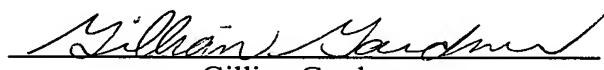
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Enclosures:

1. DIVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL, 3 PAGES, in duplicate
2. CHECK NO. 18122 FOR \$750.00 FOR FILING FEES
3. 27 PAGES OF APPLICATION (INCLUDING 23 PAGE SPECIFICATION, 20 TOTAL CLAIMS/3 INDEPENDENT (3 PAGES) AND 1 PAGE ABSTRACT)
4. 4 SHEETS OF FORMAL DRAWINGS (FIGS. 1-8)
5. COPY OF EXECUTED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM APPLICATION NO. 09/923,763, 8 PAGES
6. COPY OF EXECUTED ASSIGNMENT FROM APPLICATION NO. 09/923,763, 3 PAGES
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